GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BLINDNESS CONTROL PROGRAMME
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Blindness Control Programme has not been revised for a long time;

(b) if so, the last time, when such a revision took place;

(c) whether it is also a fact that our country tops the list of countries where a high percentage of blinds live;

(d) whether some States and particularly the State of Karnataka have proposed in order to combat this problem of blindness;

(e) if so, the details thereof with total fund requirement, State-wise; and

(f) the action taken by the Union Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) The pattern of assistance under National Programme for Control ofBlindness was last revised in 1998-99 after mid term evaluation of the World bank assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) A project assisted by the Danish Government is already under implementation since 1997 to control Blindness in Karnataka. No proposal for revision of the programme has been received.